

Janet Napolitano  
Governor

# Office of the Governor

## \* OPERATION JUMP START \*

**WHEREAS**, I, Janet Napolitano, declared a State of Emergency for Arizona's international border in August, 2005; and

**WHEREAS**, in June, 2006, I signed the Memorandum of Agreement that allowed deployment of National Guard personnel to the Arizona border; and

**WHEREAS**, nearly 18,000 National Guard members from 51 states and territories participated in Operation Jump Start in Arizona; and

**WHEREAS**, National Guard presence at the border is credited with helping the Border Patrol with 176,694 illegal immigrant apprehensions, 102 illegal immigrant rescues, 1,116 vehicle seizures, and the seizure of 316,401 pounds of marijuana, 5,224 pounds of cocaine, and \$80,688 in currency; and

**WHEREAS**, Operation Jump Start allowed 339 Border Patrol agents to return to their law enforcement obligations, while National Guard personnel fulfilled duties such as entry identification, building tactical infrastructure, monitoring surveillance cameras, and fleet maintenance; and

**WHEREAS**, the National Guard in Arizona completed 24 miles of permanent vehicle barriers, and 43 miles of temporary vehicle barriers; 24 miles of primary fence, 9 miles of secondary fence, 24 secondary fence gates, nearly 12 miles of high density lighting, more than 57 miles of road improvements, five miles of road construction, and five water wells;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Janet Napolitano, Governor of the State of Arizona, do hereby recognize, congratulate, and extend the State of Arizona's gratitude to the National Guard soldiers, for accomplishing their vital mission to preserve freedom, advance national security, and homeland defense by participating in

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**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Arizona

*Janet Napolitano*

GOVERNOR

**DONE** at the Capitol in Phoenix on this eighth day of July in the year Two Thousand and Eight and of the Independence of the United States of America the Two Hundred and Thirty-third.

**ATTEST:**

*Janice K. Brewer*

Secretary of State

